File No. 141

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Subject.

Enlargement and improvement of the Bowring Civil Hospital. (Donations from Messrs Haji Ismail Sait, Maigandadeva Mudaliar, Gangadhara Chetty & B.P. Annaswamy Mudaliar)

Previous References.

Later References.

(Continuation of Note or Precis).

7. D.O. to Mr. Slight submitted for approval. As Mr. Dobson has written to the Resident (Sl. 110) recommending the acceptance of Mr. Murigandadeva Nuvadi's offer unconditionally it is not clear whether it is still necessary to consult him. In this D.O. (Sl. 110), Mr. Dobson refers to the acquisition of an additional piece of ground from the Military & to a start being made by the Municipality to build a wall & enclose the land. This matter may perhaps be considered when the Commander has considered the Resident's note (Sl. 105) on the 20th instant on Sl. No 110, the Resident has asked for papers early.

D.109.

Submitted

Sl. 111. another D/O. from Mr. Dobson regarding Sl. 107. Mr. Dobson has come into Possession of Mr. Murigandadeva Nuvadi's land Sl. No 107 - which he wishes to acquire on behalf of Government. The Government agrees to the D.O. Sl. 107. D/ 20. Revised draft sent to Mr. Dobson for his

17.5.97

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Opinion – This is the form ✓
Where sum of $1.110. and ID
is such as to the fee –
Papers may go to Res[ve]
for return – Immediate
& Mr Slight. DJL

17/V.

9 ——. Sir a minute in above. See
Remarks Mr Slight to note
in file. Send file – Draft
may issue. JMc.
17/V

D/o. to Mr. Slight sub[t] for appl. ——— issued

4/8/5

MLi
DW.

10 With his D/o. of the 20: inst: Mr Slight — Sc. 113.
forwards a copy of the Resolutions
passed at the Municipal Meeting
held on the 20 – Viz. Re Lands
Referring to the Revd Dr Scott" are — Sc. 105
the B. C. Hosp., and the Offers
made by Messrs Robertson Gentlemen
forwards improving the Hospital

Messrs Maiyards
Dana Bros: Dunn
Lowry Bros
Empress Theatre Co.
& Mayor Council Sask

11 The first of the resolutions is that
Mr. Maiyards Bros: offer of

as well as the Offers of the Municipality Rs. 10000/, be accepted ~~above~~; that

& Rs. 14000. that the Comm^rs contribute as similar sum from Revenue, and that Govt be asked to give as their ~~10000~~ 24.000/ in all ~~20000~~ 72000/- which it is hoped will meet the whole outlay required

12. The Revd^t is to be asked to lay the foundation Stone of Br. Vaijanda. Doosa Wednesday the 22^d June.

13. Mr. Sleigh suggests in his D/o that the Rs. 8800/, entered in the Municipal Budget for 1897-98 (for improvements to the D.C. Hospl) be allowed to stand. — This item is not to be interfered with, as the estimates are to be passed as required but Govt pro: on the subject must in hand:- this be submitted.

14. Mr. Sleigh also asks that a further allotment of Rs. 2500/ for building a

hall provide the necessary ground may be included in the budget. This Case, it is submitted, be Sanctioned later on to be met from Reserve

15 At para: 6 Read Dr. writes Mr. Ingram's offer accepted if Mr Slight has no objection. Dft Sub. for appr.

16. 21.5.97 Draft may issue Mr Slight's proposals may be communicated with Dft provided Gentlemen are agreeable

21 V

16 The note above in para 11 is somewhat misleading. The total amount subscribed by the four gentlemen mentioned in margin to para 10 is 10,000 + 14,000 - That is £24000 in all - Moreover the note does not bring out the proviso to a contribution on the part of the Municipality of £24000 from their reserve - by that sum is to be given apparently only

if Govt will contribute a similar amount. Will at present Govt can hardly like to do. In all can there would only be R24000 + abt R12000 for improvements to the Boring Hospital — wh: would be insufficient to carry out all that Dr. Dolan wants + consider necessary. I should have thought the Municipality might have managed — say 40000 from reserve to be spread over a period of 3 or 4 years — the Committee are the best judges of what they can + cannot do.

17 Please see Slightly d.o. at S. 113. The R8800 stood in the budget estimate for additions + alterations to the Boring Hospital + was one of the items wh: you asked the Municipality to reconsider with a view to reducing their Estimate. This amount has however now been sanctioned — the opening tube having been found larger than it was estimated at. The R2500 does not appear in this year budget but if you approve if Slightly proposal this can be sanctioned afterwards. I told Slightly that the R8800 had been passed. With this file I am likely

also para 3 in note re proceedings in file 34 of 97 herein

the Municipal Budget for with proceedings for your approval.

I have kept back this for 3 or 4 days till after last night's meeting as we — to ascertain.

Yours.

23/V.

18 Please send my letter to A Marquand to Metlakatla. & a copy of it to the Daily Post

& this evening's work -

I will send up a recommendation tonight:

regarding the grant of 24000 to the Cambria on to the Boundary Hospital giving this hospital for this contribution to the Fund time. Some further knowledge of the circumstances of the existing arrangements & a general plan showing what has been done & what is proposed to be done by the municipality & the various Hospitals across the Boundary

27/V

Please send back copy

Yours

31.V.97

Very incomplete. and the D/O Ref^{e}. has been made to the Devans Pjts. HP

19 The papers relating to the Construction of the Sluice. have been called for. and a history of the Construction will be submitted as soon as same is Ld —

20. Dr. Dobson's proposals & recommendations at Se 93 give reasons for improving & embanking the Sluice. with his note & sent plans of the improvements. Sd. have been sent to the Revd. Mr. Com. in Ltr. '96 (Se 102). D/f ltr. ante, asking for the return of the plans &c. and for a fresh plan as per Revd. address.

HP 5-6-'97

Immediate 5/VI

Letter issued No. 2446 dy. 5. 6 '97

In reply the Revd. returns Mr. Thos letter No. 1318 dy. 7. 6 '97 the

1st Aug 94

21 Please see my "note" below on the Construction of the Hospl. It is complete up to the opening of the hospl — we have no papers after that date, shewing when the hospital was called the "Bowery" Hospl. — In answer to a T/o. reference made to the Devons Office, a batch or two of old papers has sent to me yesterday, but it appeared to establishment Order issued, & they all the building on the Island is being made in the Devons Office for more papers

H/9. 6/97

22 With letter No. 1325 dy. H/7 June 97 — the Registr. returns the plans & Estimates that were prepared in connection with the improvements suggested in Dr. Dobson's note at No. 93 and referred to at Enclo. VIII to that note — Among the plans

S.C. 1/2 6

6.

With letter no. 1325 of 7th June 1897 the President returns the plans and estimates that were prepared in connection with the improvements suggested in Dr Wilson's note at Serial 93 and referred to at encl VIII to that note — among the plans.

sent will be found a ground
plan of all the proposals -
What we want now for Resid.t is
a ground plan showing what has
been done & what is proposed now -
the Resid.t may be asked for this -
but, please see Sec. 120 in which
Mr. Speight says that in addition
to the plans Sections now held,
the B. C. N. Emp.t Committee had
the plans & Sections which were
forwarded by the Comm.t in Aug.t 94

23 may we ask for these plans and
Sections & then see what more
is wanted?
For Comm Orders.

24 H 9.6.97 yes please.
Que.
9/VI.

Off Sec.t for appl. — issued No 2544
d. 14.6.97

H 9.6.97

25 At Pe. 122 Sanction was conveyed to a Sum of Rs. 2500/. being Spent on the Construction of a compound wall round the police Drill Ground.

26 In reply to Pe. 121, the Revd. Jones sends with his letter of the 14 June '97 the plans & Estimates detailed in the list attached to Pe. 120. — These together with the plans rec'd with Pe 120 are now sent in the Form of a Single Together with a note on the B.C. Hospl. Jè. 123.

H (25. VI. 97) Plans on file last order in this file — The estimate for Burning Ghat is submitted I do not know whether Municipal Sanit has passed it — but for certain we have only got Rs 20,000 & is going to Govt. I do not know whether this can be asked for. Some grants have been at various times made by private subscriptions or Rates given by the Municipality who para 18.

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with practically reduce them and leave
to the amount proposed.

Yours &c. J.M.

Rendel 25/VI.

28. Sanction is again asked for the acquisition of the land for the new hospital buildings. Have we decided whether we might not as well ask for acquisition of a somewhat larger piece than is shown in the maps as being actually necessary.

Rendel June
25/VI

29 Mr Clarke ~~good~~ work is very clear & useful. Please ask Dr Osborn & Mr Slight to meet me at the B.C.H. at 5.0 p.m. on ~~Friday~~ Monday next & tell Mr Clarke please to have those plans there also.

CM

26/VI Rob Clarke

30 I have written to Dr Osborn & Mr Slight. Plans are ready there also.

CM. 26/VI.

31 Fri Instr. Jn Jones of Jarlton asking
Recd. said Instr. was addressed Engr.
authorities about the Ship of Land
that is wanted – just off the old
police drill ground – marked Yellow
on the plan below. – In previous Corresp.
all this land plan See the following pp:

Se. 28 – & A. A. 9. – asking for the Ship of Land.
" 31 – June – Do – Saying land could not be given.
" 33 – 4 – Do – asking for permission of the matter.
" 42 – June – Do – Saying land was required for Engg. purpose.
" 89 – Reminder from Municipality about the land.
" 90. D/O. to Colonel Simpson. Dy. Inr. Genl.
" 91. Col. Simpsons Reply.
" 92 – Letter & Recd. Municipality dy. 9-5-95
" 119. Last reference on the subject.

29.6.97

32 Please write to the Mayor Municipality of Jarlton
before I say the Extension of the Borough
Hospl. & especially the Construction of

Herman Hoffe in connection with the
existing institutions are projects which can
in the interests of the State no longer delayed.
I venture to hope that H.E. will concur
with my humble suggestion that the Cabinet of
H.M.
Coblenz of the I.G.C. M.C. for permission
to occupy immediately the flat of Landau
Kusel Zweibrücken & Homburg pleas. I
have confirmed it & if it affords them any
assistance in the Regt. (H.E. 17. Inf. D.) which
occupies the adjacent lines. The Government
will furnish Hospitals to the extent indicated and
whatever accommodation we can.
I understand that it is proposed to
withdraw the Cavalry of this Regt when the Army
lines will consist of Infantry & Artillery only

completed - & I would venture to suggest that
when the more is effected the site left vacant
by the Music Library would be occupied to a
provide an additional wing for the Library &
including that of the present -. The
new Wing would also give much needed
power to prevent the erection of houses in
undesirable localities & if the ground
could
purchased were over & the Library
fulfilled its duties to the community?
if the Keble Chapel & study & present Music
Library - by any one) and the whole
present
Keble Hospital which adjoins the new
Women's Hospital is not to be demolished
Women's Hospital is not sold or leased to
any obvious which might interfere with the
purposes for which the present Hospital is used the proposed
Erected -

Oct 30/11 Jan 30/1

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Draft as ordered above submitted

Sd H.G.

7.7.97.

Letter issued Sl no: 125.

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Ltr as ordered above Ltr
to P. W.D. 11-9-97

Letter issued – Sl. No. 125.

D. 127

33 In letter No. 2764 of the 7th September 1897, the President, Municipal Commission, Colombo asks for the return of the plans & estimates of the Nursing Civil Hospital extensions forwarded with Cl. No. 1200/123. These were obtained to enable the Resident to address the Govt. of India for money towards the proposed improvements to the hospital. This reference is, it would appear, deferred pending a reply to the

A. 125

reference made to the Hon. the Director General, Bungalow No. for a vacant piece of ground. The plans & estimates called for may be returned & obtained again, if necessary when submitted for approval.

H.S.
11-9-97 H.S. Hon 13/9

Letter issued – Sl. No. 130.

hi [illegible]

Please ask Foreign Office for copy of H.E.
34 the G.G.'s warrant - perhaps he will like
to see what is proposed - Lack of premises plainly
causing [illegible] -

24.10.47

Written - Await reply.

KSE 22/10.

5 Please see the papers at top of file. The G of I have sanctioned the transfer - I must inform President & direct him to take over from the Militarys ? KSE 24/10.

Resn

Yes please.

27/10 [illegible] 25/10

Dft sent for appl.

4/26/10

Letter issued - SE. W. 135.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 2/6

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2143

Dated 19th May 1897. To

I have been asked to send you the accompanying file (No. 141 of 1893) for any remarks you may have to make on Mr. Majendaava Lwood's letter* & the offer therein contained proposing to build, at his own cost, a lunatic asylum in connection with the B. C. Hospital

Col. Robertson will be obliged if you will return the file as soon as convenient.

J.W. July
J.C
18/V.

A.M. Sleigh Lt. Col.
Pres. Dr. Com.
C. M. Ops.

* Sl. 107

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BANGALORE C & M STATION MUNICIPALITY

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20-5-97

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Dear Captain Colvin

I return the file about B.C. Hospital, & enclose the Resolutions of the Commissioners at this morning's meeting on the subject. Mahigandadeva Mudr had given me a copy of his letter to the Resident, & you will see that the Commissioners agree to his offer being accepted at once & the Resident

Ve

asked to lay the foundation
stone on 22nd June.

Taking the whole matter
with this morning's
resolutions I would suggest
that the Resident pass
the allotment of Rs. 8800
as entered in our budget,
& also ask the Commrs
to allot further Rs. 2500
for building the wall
round the new ground.

(This 2,500/- was allotted by
the Commrs in budget for
1896-97, but cut out by
Resident.)

The rest of the new buildings
might wait till the
consequences of Mr. Billimoria's
proposition are known.

Yours truly
Alan Leith

Rec'd 20/V

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Extract from Proceedings of an ordinary meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore held at the Mayo Hall at 7.30. A.M. on Thursday the 20th May 1897.

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2. Letter no: 1838 dated 28th April 1897 from the 1st Assistant to the Resident forwarding a note by the Resident on the B.C. Hospital.

Proposed by Mr. Winchaw Esq. Billimoria seconded by Mr. Annaswami Moodr.

that the offers made by Srimt. Narayandadeva Moodr., Annaswamy Moodr., Gungatharaa chetty and Hajee Esmail Sait to the extent of Rs 24000. be thankfully accepted, and

that

that the Commissioners give a Sum equal to the above amount from out of the reserve fund, provided that the Government agree to contribute another equal Sum, which would meet the whole outlay required. The Commissioners regret that the present resources of the Municipality do not admit of their contributing the whole Sum or any Sum further than the amount herein proposed to be given. The Commissioners hope that the Government will consider their request in the same spirit in which it is offered and will not allow this opportunity to slip - particularly bearing in mind the private donations which would otherwise go unavailed of from the benefit of the public.

Amendment proposed by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, seconded by Mr. Bird. I propose that a Committee consisting of the Principal Medical Officer. the Residency Surgeon. the Military Works Engineer. the Superintendent of Police. Mr. Mahomed Ali. Mr. Annasivanni Mood. and myself. be appointed to examine and enquire into the question of improving & extending the Bowring Hospital.

The Amendment was then put to the meeting and lost.

Voting for 2 against 12

Amendment proposed by Col. Badgley Seconded by Bgn. Surgn Lt. Col. Dobson. That Mr. Maiyanddeva Mood's offer of ~~Rs~~ 10000/. be accepted with thanks and that the Resident be asked to lay the foundation Stone of the block in question on the 22nd June.

Further amendment proposed by

by Mr. J. Saunman. Seconded by 57
Mr. Mahomed Ali.

The offer made by Messrs Maiyandaveva Mood. - Annaswami Mood. Gangatharam Chetty and Haji Ismail Sait to the extent of Rs 24000. be thankfully accepted, and the Commissioners contribute the remainder of the amount required (from the reserve fund) for the improvements proposed to the B.C. Hospital and the erection of the Hospital for women & children &c. and that the President call a public meeting for collecting further subscriptions.

The further amendment proposed by Mr. Saunman was then put to the meeting and lost. Voting for ag 2

The amendment proposed by Col: Badgley was then put to the meeting and carried. 11 -

The President then remarked that

that as there was nothing in the amendment last put and carried inconsistent with the original proposition by Mr. D. Dr. Billimoria, he would put that proposition to the meeting, this was done with the result that the original proposition was also carried.

for 13 against

President, Municipal Commission,
Civil & Military Station Bangalore.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 114

File No.

VI

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2186.

Dated 21st May 1897. To

A. Maricadadara Chetty Esq

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 5th instant, in which you make an offer to construct at your own cost, a Mortuary inward, in connection with the R. C. Hospital under certain specified conditions. I accept the generous offer you have made

2. I am directed to convey to you the thanks of the Resident. ~~thanks of the Government~~ ~~Officer for Land Records~~, and to say that Colonel Robertson will write to you later on on the subject.

I am &c.

21/V

21.5.97

Mr. Asst. R.R.

Office Note this reminder

B.H. File
Bungalow
115
23rd May 1897
My dear Colonel,

I received your Telegram and attended the Jubilee Celebration meeting at the Lago Hall last evening but no discussion about the Hospital took place. Previous to the meeting I called at the Office & had a talk with Colonel on the points touched upon by you in your letter of the 14th & I just learn in confirmation of the fact that Dhanjeeboy

is during all he can to oppose
any scheme for hospital Extension
being carried out at this time.
His attitude in his heart can
be alone due to pique, which appears
to still rankle in his breast, because
of my representations, when he was
Municipal Engineer, of the absurd
costly nature of his Estimates
for the General hospital Buildings
as having no other effect than
to preclude the possibility of
the Municipality being ever
able to meet the outlay, and

in consequence of this I recommended them in my Report of Proposals of Sept. 95, that the whole matter be gone into by a Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee & reported upon. The Committee, as no doubt you are aware, that the Sub-Committee were able to obtain by means of the Engineers plans, which by the way were also, I consider unsuitable for the purposes of a General Hospital for the working classes of the Province

for

and cutting down of Estimates
that instead of a total expenditure
of 2.11.000 rupees only half the
amount could be expended
Again & not intend much
opposition through misrepresentation
of what happened at the Municipal
meeting a Thursday last, was
the proposal to accept Mr
Ross's terms & reject a
moiety of the outlay on the
buildings by the Municipality
carried; while as an example
of his vindictiveness I mention
mention that at last Meeting

meeting when moving a resolution to appoint a general Committee for making choice of the various projects for commemorating the Jubilee I noticed that my name was unintentionally omitted from amongst a long list of persons read out to serve on the Committee. I drew the omission as all the more noticeable seeing that only Colonial & I were the sole officers

of the Union present. I
believe also the Rt. Hon. Lord
Kenry was advised to do so
this so as to prevent me from
attending meetings, to be hereafter
held, when it is first possible
that hospital affairs will be
discussed, in order that he may
be able to carry matters as
he wishes, and without any hurry
a step in them. I merely tell
you all this to enable you
informed as to how the

hospital scheme is being pushed
on notwithstanding the unquestionable
urgency which exists for giving
effect to it. At present the
existing buildings are overcrowded
to an alarming extent & many
bad cases have to be kept
on the ground with little or
no bed clothing & almost absolute
or total privation of fresh air or a
proper influx of ordinary light
into the place I have no idea how
they can be properly arranged
for. I explained all this at

the meeting on Thursday a busy particular claim on the part that the municipality would be held responsible for the results

We had a very dampening rain on Friday night and more appearance to the almost but it seems doubtful this time for the S.W. Monsoon to set in

Believe me
Yours sincerely
A. E. Dobson

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 116

File No.

[~~DRAFT~~] ~~For approval~~.

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Ootacamund

Dated 27 May 1897.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 5th: may in which you are good enough to promise Rs 10,000/ for the erection of a separate Lying-in-Ward to form part of the scheme for the construction of a Women's Hospital, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Empress of India

The First Assistant Resident has already written to you in connection with your offer. I thought it desirable to defer an expression of my feelings until the

matter had been considered, as I understand it was at their last meeting, by the Municipal Commissioners.

I now write to acknowledge in the warmest terms your generous and public spirited gift; the conditions attached thereto command my entire sympathy, and it will give me great pleasure to further your benevolence by assisting in laying the foundation stone of the building.

The proposal, to alter the interior of and add to the present Bowring Hospital, which the Municipal Commissioners were good enough to consider, has elicited some discussion which, if it may be taken to indicate a real desire to see the best possible scheme adopted, I heartily welcome. Unfortunately the miserable inadequacy of the existing accommodation in that Institution does not admit of any argument, and I cannot but be sensible of the prompt and liberal manner in which you have given practical proof of your sympathy with one of the best forms of charitable undertakings.

I trust that your generous example may be followed by other gentlemen of wealth and position in the civil and military station.

Yours truly
Sd Donald Robertson.

R. Maiganda deva Shoondaram Esqr

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 117

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2445. 31

Dated 5th June 189 7. To

The Resident, Kl. Cam:

C. & M. Lpr

Sir.

I am directed to request you to take
at your earliest convenience
the plans & Estimates & relating to
the B. C Hospital, forwarded to you
with this Office letter No. 3375 of
the 18. Sept: 1896. Lpd.

Sc 102.

5/vl.

2. The Resident will also like to
be furnished with a ~~general~~ plan of the hospitals
showing what has been done in the
way of improvements, and what
is now proposed, both to the
main building and the women's
Hospital which is proposed across the road.

I have &c.

I would like to see the plans & estimates before it is passed before we ask for anything else. Lpd.

4/6. 5/6.

A. Anderson

June 3rd 1897

Dear Colonel. File 1/21

I have not been able earlier to obtain the information asked for in your letter of the 31st. May as to the existing accommodation in the C & M. Station for female patients Castor & Akeroi.

Miss Stewart of the Lunacy Museum informs me that their Hospital can accommodate 30 patients at present & that they are prepared to enlarge it as soon as it becomes necessary. She further mentions that the

arrangement of the wards is such that the patients can be classified as much as religion or disease requires. The Mason Hospital is the only institution of the kind in the C. & K. Station apart from the Barony Hospital, which affords medical aid to female patients generally & I am sure I have been over it myself I am in a position to state that it does not meet with the requirements of the Station in that particular. Now to turn the Barony the operating & are conducted for 76 h for both sexes. including and at the present mom 38 women & 22 small chi occupy the only room wa of 36 beds available for fem and as these patients are the most part Eurasian & C caste, & no caste at all, wom & children it gives without d that there is no accommod for female patients who a

coste & Gosha. I entirely
disagree with the statement
which has, I am sorry, been more
than once made that a woman's
hospital is not required for the
City of Salem. It is, I repeat, a
standing disgrace to the Salem
that the present arrangement
of housing the sexes together in
the Poorhouse has been allowed so
long to exist & the sooner the arrange-
ments are made for erecting a new
hospital, as proposed by Colonel
Robertson, the better will it be for
the sick female poor of the State.
Yours sincerely
Ada Anderson

P.S.

I ought perhaps to explain
that of my remarks, that the
Lunacy Asylum Hospital does
not meet with the Visitors' re-
quirements in the matter of
hospital accommodation for
women, I say that owing to
its being an Institution of a
religious denomination it is
idle to say that caste was
especially Mahommedans, in
want as much to it as we
is conducted upon the
non-sectarian principle
with a female population.

Chudren' children a in (arrears
of Bangalore with its Followers
of abt 15000. I estimate that
the female poor of all castes
numbers at the very least
between four & five thousand
persons in need of indoor
medical relief. As at present,
abt one half of the total
in patients of the Women's Hospl
are women the total admissions
for the year may be put
down at from 6000 to 7200
& about ⅓ of that no
for the Zenana Mission
Hospital. It will thus
seen that from 2.500
more
to 3000 women ought to
afforded in door hospital
relief if their medical
The
requirements were adequa
met with.

All

My Dear Colonel

Mrs. Hemenway & Mrs.
Peabody asked me
for women in the
Colonial States except
5/11 Minnesota etc.

There is no
question as far as I
can see as to the absolute
necessity for a female
hospital. The Minnesota
Women's Club does
not seem to meet
with the support from the
public generally that it
3/01 deserves.

Yours
V. Colver

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No. 1313 33

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,

MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

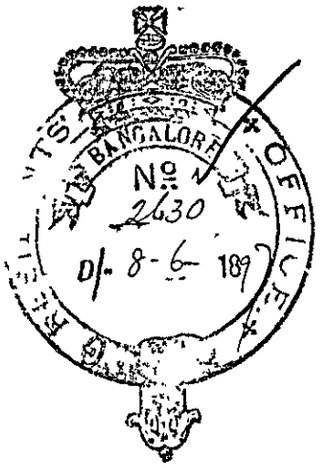
DATED 7th June 1897.

FROM

A. M. SLIGHT, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.

PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

C. & M. STATION, BANGALORE.



To

The First Assistant to the

Resident in Mysore

B A N G A L O R E .

SIR,

Se 105

Se 113

With reference to the last para of the Resident's "Note" on the Bowring Civil Hospital and the resolu-tion of the Commissioners thereon, a copy of which was forwarded to you on the 20" Ultimo with my D.O. I have the honor to inform you that I contemplate putting before the Commissioners, at an early date, proposals for the allotment of necessary funds for erecting a compound wall around the site on which the proposed Hospital for Women and Children is intended to be built.

2. I beg to invite attention to the correspon-dence ending with your office letter No. 1584 dated 14-1-93 9" May 1895, and request that the Resident will be pleased to take the necessary steps towards trans-ferring to the Municipality the additional strip

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Taken up in another note in the file

of ground therein referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. Baker. Captain

for President.

Hy.

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No. 1325. with 16 Encls:

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,

MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

DATED 7th June 1897.

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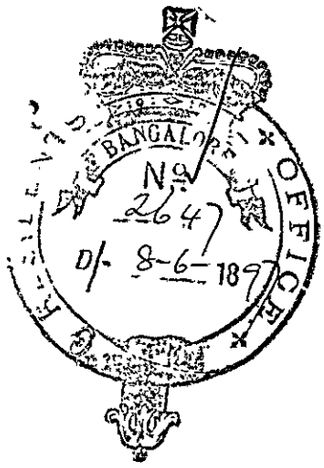
FROM

A. M. SLIGHT, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.

PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

C. & M. STATION, BANGALORE.



To

The First Assistant to the

Resident in Mysore

B A N G A L O R E

SIR,

Se 117

In compliance with your letter No. 2445 dated 5th Instant, I have the honor to return herewith the plans and estimates relating to the Bowring Civil Hospital forwarded with your office letter No. 3375 dated the 13th September 1896, and to state that in addition to these plans and estimates, the Bowring Civil Hospital Improvement Committee also submitted the plans and estimates as per list attached, which were recorded by the Commissioners in their resolu-tion dated 30th August 1894.

2. I beg also to forward a plan of the Mater-nity offered to be constructed by Mr. Maigandadeva Moodr.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Bate, Captain

for President.

cwd

Lists of Plans and Estimates prepared by the B.C. Hospital Improvement Committee.

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Description of work	No: of Plans or Estimates	Remarks.
Plans		
Maternity	2	
Castle wards	3	
Surgical and Medical ward	2	
Sisters' Quarters	2	
Hospital Cook room	2	
destitute Patients' ward	1	
Laundry and Post Mortem Room	2	
Mortuary	2	
Compound wall, gatelodge, Conservancy & drainage	1	
Paying Patients' ward	1	
Site Plans	2	
Total Plans	20	
Estimates		
Maternity	1	
Castlewards	1	
Medical & Surgical ward	1	
Sisters' Quarters	1	
Hospital Cook & Servants' rooms	1	
destitute Patients' ward	1	
Laundry & Post mortem rooms including latrine	1	
Mortuary	1	
Compound wall &c	1	
Paying patients' ward	1	
Total Estimates	10	

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 1/1

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2544

Dated 14—6— 1897. To

The Presidt: Mt. Cam:

C. & M. Rly

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the plans & Estimates referred with your letter No: 1325 of the 7th inst: and am to ask you to be good enough to forward for the Resident's inspection the additional plans & Estimates furnished by the Improvement Comr: and recorded by the Comrs: in their Rest of the 30th Augt. 1897.

I am &c

Agt. 15/6 re. Mr Peters

Agt 11/VI

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1st Asst Secy

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 37

Dated 189 . To

My dear Lights

I find I have never acknd

Sec 113. your D/o. of the 20. may I direct you a Copy of the Comm^r. Revs. re. the Offers made by Ramjaddadava Mootoo and others.

You asked in your letter that the R. 8800, provided in the Budget for Hosp^l. improvements may be allowed to stand, and that a further sum of R. 2500/ be allotted for the Compound wall to be erected round the new Ground.

Since then you will have received my Proceedings from which you will see that the R. 8800/ has not been

Lancaster - As regards the 2,500/-
we will wait to see what the
Council say about it - Vide your
letter No. 1313 dy. the 7th instant -
and then the expenditure can be
met from "Reserve" - I sent up
the papers to Col. Robertson but
he passed no orders on them
item - but the collection plans etc
in connection with the improvements
to be carried out.

J. [illegible]
11/6.

A. M. S. Lieut. Col.
Pard. Dr. C/m.
C. M. S.

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Serial No.

File No.

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[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2545.

Dated 14th June 1897.

To

The Resident Kl. Cam.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1313 of the 7th June, I am directed to convey the Resident's sanction to the expenditure of a sum of $2500/ being spent on the construction of a compound wall round the new police-drill ground on which the proposed hospital for women & children is to be built

2. The amount will be met from Town Revenue in the Municipal Budget for the current year

I have &c.

P. J. O.

H. Conway Cox

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Note Resident's letter of 14. Sept. 97. asking for R. 2170 more on acct. of this work. Sec 24 on file 34 of 97.

H/20.9.97

H/(14.7.97)

The question of the extra ground to be acquired being still under consideration it is desirable that the building of the walls on the sides furthest from the public road should be left to the last.

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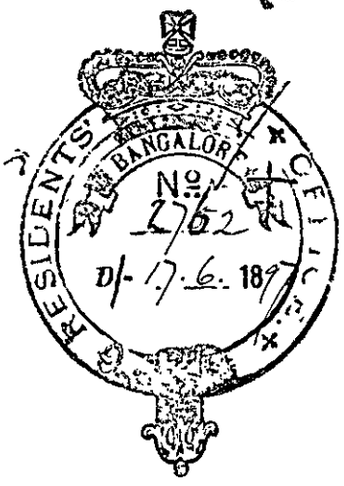
No. 1452 with 10 Abstracts & 10 plans

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,

MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

DATED 14th June 1897.



FROM

A. M. SLIGHT, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.

PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

C. & M. STATION, BANGALORE.

TO

The First Assistant to the Resident
in Mysore
Bangalore.

SIR,

In compliance with your letter No. 2544 dated 14th instant, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for the Resident's inspection, the plans & estimates detailed in the list forwarded with my letter No. 1325 dated the 7th idem, with the exception of the plan of the Maternity which has already been sent to you.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. Baker. Capt.
for President

Mr. Young Hussey
1896.

Revenue Dept
No. 93
55. 46

Bangalore
19th January 97.

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To

Colonel Donald Robertson

British Resident

in Mysore

Bangalore

Sir,

We the undersigned beg most respectfully to offer to build Each a Cottage Ward for Women and Children as promised in 1893, when the Plans and Estimates were prepared by the Sub Committee formed for that purpose, our offers and promise stand unchanged up to date and we wish you would kindly recognise our offers on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee ~~Coronation~~ Celebration when you are to lay the foundation of the Maternity which ellect. Margaret Adeline Moody liberally came forward to erect at the Cost Estimated, and Plan.

If it is not inconvenient to you, we request you will be pleased to lay the foundation stone for these two Wards, on the 22nd Instant, for which act of recognition and favour we shall be most thankful

We beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servants
Young Allen Black
B. P. Narasaiah Naidu

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 125

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 2784. Encl. 3

Dated 3 - July 1897. To

The Asst Adjt Genl

Bangalore Dist.

Sir

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No 4102 of the 4. Dec

In Dec 1893 application was made on behalf of the C. M. St Municipality for the vacant piece of land to the west of the ground known as the Palace drill ground, which was wanted in connection with certain improvements then under contemplation —

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No B/1379 of the 11. Dec 1893

In your Repg, you said that the strip of land was required for the construction of the East Hulley Line & reconsideration of the matter was then solicited in Govt Revenue letter of the 11th Dec 93, in reply to which the C. in C. expressed his regret at not being able to grant the ground applied for but agreed at the same time, said

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that if it was not required for the new lines, the creation of which was then under contemplation, he would be favourably inclined to meet the views of the Municipality.-

2. In 1895, the Municipality renewed their request, and when it was informally ascertained that when the Native Infantry Regt had left its quarters and gone into new lines on the Arab lines plain, H.E. the C.G. Commanding the Forces would offer no objection to the grant of the Strip of land in question to the Municipality

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3 I am now directed to say that the extension of the Boring Hospl, and especially the construction of the women's hospl in connection with the existing institution, are projects which can, in the interests of the Station, be no longer delayed - Colonel Roberts

ventures to hope that the Brig.
Genl. Commanding the Dist! will
cooperate in this very desirable
arrangement by the extent of
applying to H.E. the Lieut! Genl.
Commanding the Forces, Madras
Command, for permission to occupy
immediately the plot of land marked
Yellow in the accompanying plan.
Col. Robertson has inspected the
land and it appears to be of no
use whatever to the Regt! (the
6ft. N. I.) which occupies the adjacent
lines; the extension of the Female
Hospital by the extent indicated
would therefore inconvenience no one.
It is understood that it
~~The District understands~~ that it
is proposed to remove the lines
of this Regt when the new lines
in course of erection at the
Arab Lines plain are completed
and Col. Robertson has ventures to

suggest that the site of the mosque is effected the site left vacant be allowed to remain unoccupied, so as to provide an additional lung for the C. & M. Station at this point.

The new Bangalore Municipal Law gives much needed powers to prevent the erection of houses in undesirable localities, and if the ground vacated could be made over to the municipality the Resd. feels sure that they would undertake to see that it was kept clean and tidy, and to prohibit building thereon.

5. In any case, I am to ask, that the present Regl Hospital which adjoins the new Women's hospital is not sold or diverted to any object which might interfere with the purposes for which a female hospl is about to be erected.

I have &c.

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4.7.97

V. Cantley Esq

Rec'd 7/VIII

District Staff Office,
Bangalore ...7...7.....1897.

My dear Colvin,

Can you insert in para 2 of yr. letter by this mail "for a formally ascertained date"? The General has been through the Office file of Mecan Indian Army reminder the additional list for the B. Hospt- & he says he wishes, however, to clear

Regarding the above. There
is no D.O. correspondence
in the office on the matter;
& I believe in '94 the
L. G. C. said when leaving
at the grade he would
have no objection to the list
in Yellow being given up, & was
here before to that effect.

J.O.: H. Hume:

I had it in this way
from Hume. Redi

M: Ans—Gr

12.1.

Please see addition made to para 2 of letter - a copy of Se. 91 may be sent D/O. to Major Innis - D/L sent for appe.

~~D.A.C. Ctge Kla Cam with~~

4/8.7.97

Innes, Gnl.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 14

File No.

[DRAFT].—For approval. 48

No.

Dated 8 Jan 1897. To

My dear Griffiths

Kindly see my letter of 3rd inst

Se. 126 received with your D/o. of Yesterday

and have made the required addition

to para 2 of the letter. I also

Se. 91. send for your information a copy

of the D/o. letter of the 23rd Apl. '95

from Col. Simpson, which I regret was

~~of the Chief of Staff~~

not quoted in my original letter

Yrs sincy

JRL.

Major N. Innes

a. a. Genl

14 8.1.97

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Extract from the Proceedings of the ordinary Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, dated 20th May 1897.

2. Letter No. 1838, dated 28th April 1897, from the First Assistant to the Resident forwarding a note by the Resident on the Bowring Civil Hospital.

The President said that a special meeting was called for on the 10th instant to discuss the Resident's note but for want of a quorum its consideration was adjourned to this meeting. On the last occasion, when this subject was discussed, they were unable to come to a conclusion, because they were awaiting the Resident's memorandum, which however came in the same afternoon.

The President then read the Resident's note in its entirety and said that he was not going to say much on the subject, but would allude to a few points. The whole project was sanctioned some years ago, and two years ago provision was made in the Budget to enclose the ground on which it was proposed to build, with a wall but the Resident refused his sanction. The Resident now said that a reproach was attached to the Civil and Military Station, with a hospital containing glaring structural defects and to remove that reproach nothing short of radical measures of reform would bring the hospital up to the desired level of efficiency. According to the proceedings of the Commissioners, large allotments were made by them; but they were cut down by the Resident and acting under the wishes of the Resident, the Commissioners devoted such sums of money as were possible, and improvements were carried on piece meal. The Resident now wanted them to take advantage of the Jubilee and to invite subscriptions and donations, by which means they might go ahead with the work.

Mr. Dinshaw Billimoria said, that the Bowring Hospital in its present state was a standing disgrace to the people of Bangalore. The building itself was bad, and necessary equipment insufficient, he was inclined to call it a hospital for followers rather than as a hospital for citizens. The building was so insanitary that if they proposed to give it up tomorrow and hand it over to Government for putting in their soldiers, they would simply *pooh pooh* the idea and say "no thank you"—When the building was unfit for the habitation of such hale and hearty men as soldiers of the army, who were trained to all the hardships of war, how could it be fit for putting in poor sick invalid patients belonging to the civil population? At present the hospital was only taken advantage of by poor Eurasian women, pariah Native women and poor Eurasian men and natives belonging to the labouring and artisan classes. No high caste or class men or women seemed to take advantage of the hospital. The reason was obvious. The building had not sufficient accommodation—there were no arrangements made whereby the susceptibilities of different castes and creeds could be met. The provision for diet and nursing was insufficient, and such as could not be acceptable to the higher classes. All these and similar difficulties had gone to create a fear in the minds of the higher classes and owing to these circumstances the hospital was not sufficiently taken advantage of by the public. There was a great want for a paying patient ward. If there was such a ward he for one would be only too glad to go and lie there paying Rs. 3 or 4 a day, and be-treated by a physician like Surgeon Colonel Dobson instead of sending for him to his place and paying Rs. 16 which he could hardly afford to do. There was no question but that the present state of the hospital must be improved. It seemed Surgeon Colonel Dobson had been working for years past to bring about the required improvement but so far without success. That the doctor had been working in the matter persistently with disinterested motives and the true interests of the public spoke volumes in his favour. The plan he had hit upon was an admirable one and had met with the entire approval of the Resident. The learned doctor desired that the present building be remodelled and so arranged as to make it adaptable to the sole use of the male patients with accommodation for paying patients and that a separate building on the plot facing the hospital be erected for women and children including the maternity and castewards with all the arrangements to meet the susceptibilities of different castes. The plan was no doubt carefully thought out and it would be

a misfortune for Bangalore if the same was not carried out. As to the financial aspect of the question, Mr. Dinshaw said, that it seemed to him that some years ago when the Commissioners, at the suggestion of the Government, undertook to maintain the hospital in exchange for the police charges, the costs of maintenance on both the heads were the same, and the Commissioners may have probably agreed to the exchange seeing there was no more liability thrown upon them, but it was a pity that it occurred to none of the Commissioners to make it a condition with the Government that if ever the maintenance charges on the hospital exceeded the then limit the same would be defrayed by the Government. As it was, while the police charges had remained almost stationary, the hospital charges were increasing and would go on increasing year after year. Of course, it was idle on the part of those who expected the Municipality to contribute the whole sum required as such a step, looking to their limited resources, would simply bring them in an awkward financial position not to say anything of the extra cost of maintenance that would devolve on them by the new hospital. He thought that as the Government had made an excellent bargain in exchanging the police for the hospital it would be worthy of them to come forward at this time and help them in carrying out the scheme. The Government were no doubt hard pressed for money at present on account of the famine difficulties but they could promise the sum and give it next year and in the meantime the Municipality could go on and commence the work. The Municipality surely ought to contribute a reasonable sum. They had already spent something like Rs. 15,000 on the existing building and Rs. 10,000 more were intended to be spent this year and if the scheme was not accomplished, looking to the rotten state of the building and the further additions that would be required they would have to spend on an average something like Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 5,000 every year and that again without being able to meet all the requirements of the hospital. It would be prudent to pay one sum at once and be done with it. Then, again, the additional buildings that the Commissioners were erecting on the present premises were not their own. The land belonged to the Government and the Commissioners would never be able to dispose of these buildings if they wished to do so. At the most they could take away their building structures and leave the land to the Government. From that point of view also it would be advisable for the Commissioners to erect buildings on their own land which would be their property and form a part of their realisable assets. There was no doubt that the people were in need of a hospital for women and children and they must try their utmost to bring the plan into execution. Mr. Dinshaw said, that he could cite illustrations from his own experience how the required accommodation for women was absolutely necessary. He was connected with a Life Assurance Company and hundreds of reports had passed through his hands. He had invariably observed that of every hundred cases he received in Bangalore in nearly 90 per cent of them he had noticed in the description of family history that somebody's mother or sister or daughter or wife had died of child-birth. Thus there was a terrible loss of young female lives in Bangalore and if there was a proper institution for them surely that loss could be avoided. The children under the existing arrangements were for want of accommodation grouped together with women, without regard to the nature of their peculiar ailments, and that was a most undesirable thing to have. He therefore proposed,—that the private donations now promised to the extent of Rs. 24,000 be accepted, that a similar sum be contributed by the Municipality and that another equal sum be granted by the Government which would meet the required outlay. It would be a pity if this scheme failed, but surely in that case it would be through no fault of the Commissioners who were willing to do all that they could consistent with their resources. Mr. Dinshaw said, that after hearing the other speakers, if any, he would formulate his proposition.

Mr. Annasawmy Moodulliar said, that to spend money on alterations and improvements and then to dismantle buildings was a waste of money. According to Dr. Dobson, one of the wards erected in the hospital was to be dismantled, as it could not be used for the purpose for which it was built. No precautionary measures appeared to have been taken in regard to the locality and position of wards. It struck him forcibly that it would be better to

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get a complete system or plans as to what was actually required. He thought that Rs. 70,000 would be scarcely sufficient for a good hospital and to the many alterations to be made in the present buildings. Dr. Ross said that the present buildings could be sold, but he doubted this, as the land belonged to Government. The Municipal Commissioners could only remove the buildings and sell the materials. Monies were spent on this hospital year after year for improving and adding and then dismantling. Such could not go on long. Then even no hopes of a good hospital held out here and hence people went to Madras. He would suggest that they spend no money till they had a complete plan before them as to what was required now and hereafter.

Mr. Billimoria said he did not understand the last part of the Resident's note.

The President then read the last part of the Resident's note and said—It means that if the Commissioners accept the scheme they should commence by building a wall around the old Police Drill ground opposite the hospital. If the scheme is not accepted it will be useless to build the compound wall. The President then referred to the estimates sanctioned by the Commissioners for 96-97, and quoted the following from his memo laying the estimates before the Commissioners and which memo had, he stated, accompanied the estimates to the Resident; "under "Buildings" provision of Rs. 16,100 is made for an "Isolation Hospital attached to the B. C. Hospital. This will be the first step to-"wards completing the whole of the improvements and additions to this Hospi-"tal which have been recommended and recognized as necessary for some time "and which are estimated to cost in all about Rs. 60,000. Towards the same "end also allotments are made of Rs. 2,900 for preparing the vacant ground "known as the Police Drill ground for the building, as soon as funds are avail-"able, of a Hospital for women and Children."

The Resident cut out the allotment provided for the compound wall as being a new project unconnected with any general scheme. Similarly under "Miscellaneous" he reduced the allotment for furniture and fittings to the hospital from Rs. 2,800 to Rs. 800.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy enquired if last year was referred to and the President replied in the affirmative.

Proposed by Mr. Dinshaw Bellimoria, and seconded by Mr Annasawmy Moodalliar that the offers made by Mr. Maigandadava Moodalliar, Annasawmy Moodalliar, Gungadhra Chettiar and Haji Ismail Sait to the extent of Rs. 24,000 be thankfully accepted and that the Commissioners give a sum equal to the above amount from the Reserve Fund, provided that the Government agree to contribute another equal sum which would meet the whole outlay required. The Commissioners regret that the present resources of the municipality do not admit of their contributing the whole sum or any sum further than the amount herein resolved to be given. The Commissioners trust that the Government will consider their request in the same spirit in which it is offered and will not allow this opportunity to slip, particularly bearing in mind the private donations which would otherwise go unavailed of for the benefit of the public.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy said that the matter appeared as far off settlement as it was 10 years ago—in the opinion of some experts the site of the hospital was not suitable and from what Messrs. Billimoria and Annasawmy had said there was much wanting to guide them to a right decision. The plans were passed nominally by a Committee of Municipal Commissioners—but really by Dr. Dobson himself with the result that so far as they had been carried out they were altogether condemned, the new wards were badly designed and badly constructed, more like solitary cells than a hospital, sunk into the bowels of the earth instead of being elevated above it. He had no desire to damp the loyality of private gentlemen who had promised contributions; as a matter of fact their offers were not new, but the land did not belong to the Commissioners and perhaps it was not yet too late to abandon and sell the present buildings and build a new hospital in a more suitable site, as often proposed.

Colonel Badgley said that in regard to the land the Government would give it over to the Municipality as they had done to the Railway Company for the building of a station.

The President said that he would clear up the difference of opinion regarding the Commissioners supposed authority to sell the land; and read a letter from the British Resident No. 2962—3456, dated 4th November 1886, which, after giving a history of the hospital, said, that the land was given over to the Municipality on trust and not absolutely and that it could not be disposed of without the permission of Government.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy said that he was not aware of the existence of this letter, but that it did not much matter, as Government would be sure to permit the Commissioners to dispose of the land—any how the plans of the proposed additional buildings (if there were plans, they had never been scrutinised by competent authority) should be thrushed out again by the Committee and put before the Commissioners and the Resident.

Amendment proposed by Mr. O'Shanghnessy and seconded by Mr. Bird. That a committee consisting of the Principal Medical Officer, the Residency Surgeon, the Military Works Engineer, the District Superintendent of Police, Messrs. Mahomed Ali, Annasawmy Moodalliar and the proposer be appointed to examine and enquire into the question of improving and extending the Bowring Hospital.

The President said that he would make one or two observations so as to clear some points before putting the amendment and proposition to the vote. In regard to the land on which the Bowring Hospital was built the Resident had stated that it belonged to the State and was given to the Municipality on trust only. But if they went on improving, they might do so with a free hand, subject to the approval of Government. If they wished to dispose of the buildings they could not do so without the consent of Government. The Police Drill ground was now made over to them and the Municipality could build upon it. As regards the sufficiency of the present hospital, the Resident, after consultation with the Residency Surgeon, considered the building unsuitable and inadequate and in his memorandum said so. As regards improvements to the Bowring Hospital, Dr. Ross was opposed to them but Dr. Dobson said that it was good enough for males if the necessary alterations proposed by him were made. Of course, Doctors disagree. It must also be remembered that when application was made to the Government of India for a loan a few years ago to add to and improve the hospital it was refused and the Commissioners were told to go on with the work piece meal as their funds permitted. Not long ago when it was proposed to spend 18,000 Rupees on the hospital and Rs. 4,800 for quarters for the Hospital Assistants, the Resident cut down those two amounts to Rs. 16,100. The question now was, how to go on with the work ? If they accepted the proposal of Mr. Billimoria they might manage to go on with the work or probably not. From certain correspondence that he had seen though not in his official capacity, the President said, there was a good deal to instruct them that it would be useless to ask the Government of India to help them in this undertaking. When a former Resident had asked the Government of India for sanction to have a building for all the Public Offices in the Station the application was refused, though the buildings of the 2nd and Bench Magistrates' Courts were a disgrace to the Station. In regard to the Government being asked to contribute Rs. 24,000 to the hospital the President said that they would not be likely to contribute any thing as their share. The Commissioners would therefore do well to take what they got from private benevolence. Mr. Maigandadeva, in his letter to the Resident said, that he had given 10,000 Rupees for a female hospital according to a plan settled years ago, subject to certain conditions, and asked the Resident to lay the foundation stone on the 22nd June next. It would be well for them to accept this offer and give it a start. It must also be remembered that one of the conditions was that the foundation stone should be laid on the 22nd June. If this offer was not accepted the state of affairs would be as before. It was for the meeting to say whether the Resident was to lay the foundation stone on the 22nd June or not.

Mr. Sausman said that he did not think that the Government would come forward to help them in this matter. The Municipality were called upon to do the work and the Government had expressed some very decided views on the subject. If they did not move in the matter themselves, it would be something like the Military word of command "as you were."

Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel Dobson said that there was no question as to the Sanitary condition of the hospital not being at all satisfactory, but in Surgeon-Major Ross advising its being vacated and an hospital built elsewhere, he completely lost sight of the improvements which could be effected were the necessary improvements to the existing buildings carried out in accordance with my proposals. For want of suitable accommodation many patients had to be allowed to lie on the floors between the beds and in the same wards with persons suffering from diseases of an infectious nature. If what was proposed to be done were given effect to a great improvement in this particular would be seen to follow. By the removal of the women and children, the existing wards would be sufficient accommodation for 76 beds while if matters, as at present, are allowed to go on, it must be understood, that I shall not be responsible for the results. With the intimate knowledge which I possesses of the hospital wants, I have to say that something must be done and that soon to improve matters. The estimates and plans have been approved of by the Commissioners at a cost of Rs. 75,000, but the Government of India have not sanctioned the expenditure and so the matter had been hanging fire for many years. Further delay in settling this important question cannot but end in disaster and would therefore urge that all necessary steps be at once taken to bring about its completion. To a question from Mr. Dinshaw Billimoria, Surgeon Lt. Colonel Dobson, observed that the improvements to the hospital proposed would lessen the present congestion and he referred to his memorandum drawn up some years ago, when he formulated two schemes. The question that had special reference was to expenditure, and now also the question was, what amount the Municipality would expend in carrying out the additions and improvements and establishing a Maternity. If the present hospital was extended there would be corresponding advantage. Any further unnecessary delay in this matter will often lead to my having to refuse admission to patients, for want of sufficient accommodation.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy's amendment was then put to the meeting and lost.

N. B.—Before making the observations which have been here reported so badly as to oblige me to almost re-write them, I should wish to say that my remarks were prefaced by an explanation, which does not at all appear against them, those I felt called upon to offer in consequence of certain statements which had been made by Mr. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy about the recently constructed buildings for an Isolation Hospital. The impression conveyed to my mind from his remarks was that the responsibility rested with me for the faulty manner in which the buildings are situated from being, to quote his words, "sunk into the bowels of the earth instead of being elevated above it." That this was entirely due to the engineering department of the Municipality was easily shown and that had I been present at the time in the Station the buildings referred to would have been constructed above and not below the ground. As regards their design and construction the wards are all that can be desired and I felt certain so soon as the enclosure was provided with suitable drainage arrangements for surface and sullage waters and the wards properly equipped the buildings would admirably fulfil the purpose for which they have been constructed. My remarks brought me to say further that the places of the buildings for the further extension of the hospital were in every particular suitable and that case would be taken to see that one and all were well raised above the level of the sites choosen for their location. The misconstruction placed by Mr. O'Shaughnessy in his statements relative to this most important matter were I felt satisfactorily removed when it was seen that a large majority of the Commissioners present supported Mr. Commissioner Billimoria's proposition on the Resident's note which spoke to the importance in Colonel Robertson's opinion of early effect being given to the scheme as proposed by me for extending and improving the existing hospital.

A. F. DOBSON.

15—6—97.

When Dr. Ross acted for Dr. Dobson as Medical Officer of the Bowring Hospital a few months ago, he frequently expressed regret that he could not do what he considered necessary as he had promised not to alter or interfere with any of "Dobson's plans" taking this in connection with the acknowledged fact that the plans of the recent alterations and additions were prepared under Dr. Dobson's directions there cannot be any misapprehension of statements which attribute the present condition of affairs at the Hospital to Dr. Dobson's management and official influence. The Municipal Engineer's share in the matter can be easily settled by comparing the work executed with the plans. If the plans have been in any way altered without the President's sanction the Engineer is of course responsible to that extent. In regard to the Hospital question generally—it is a mistake to be blindly led by one individual in such a serious and responsible matter, involving the expenditure of thousands of rupees, however capable that individual may be, more especially as in the present case when reliable opinion and advice can be obtained in a few days from the better qualified and responsible officers of Government.

J. O'SHAUGHNESSY.

16—6—97.

Voting 2 for 12 against,

Colonel Badgley then proposed the following amendment.—That Mr. Maigandadeva Moodalliar's offer of Rs. 10,000 be accepted, with thanks, and that the Resident be asked to lay the foundation stone of the block in question on the 22nd June next.

Surgeon Lieut. Colonel Dobson seconded.

Mr. Sausman proposed another amendment, seconded by Mr. Mahomed Ali—That the offers made by Mr. Maigandadeva Moodalliar, Annasawmy Moodalliar, Gangadhara Chettiar and Haji Ismail Sait to the extent of Rs. 24,000 be thankfully accepted, and that the Commissioners contribute the remainder of the amount required from the Reserve Fund for the improvements proposed to the Bowring Hospital and the erection of the hospital for women and children &c., and that the President call a public meeting for collecting further subscriptions.

Mr. Annasawmy Moodalliar said that the intentions of the donars were to provide a hospital for women and children and not for carrying out improvements to the present hospital.

Mr. Dinshaw Billimoria said that they could ask the Government for their contribution and if they refused, the Commissioners could pay the whole amount, and should the Government come down upon the Commissioners afterwards the latter could say that they were not to blame but the Government for having driven them to it.

The President said that according to Mr. Sausman's amendment—if they accepted the 24,000 Rupees, the municipality would have to pay 56,000 Rupees, and it also did not say whether the amount was to be given in a lump-sum or spread over several years. It simply committed the Commissioners to spending 56,000 Rupees. The amendment also added that a public meeting be held for collecting further subscriptions. If the Commissioners were to give 56,000 Rupees, there would be no necessity to call a public meeting and invite subscriptions. That would be superfluous. The President said that he would put the larger amendment of the two first, Mr. Sausman's amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Voting 2 for 7 against.—

The President said that Colonel Badgley's amendment was not inconsistent with Mr. Billimoria's original proposition which was to accept the 24,000 Rupees, the municipality to add 24,000 Rupees, and the Government of India to make up the balance. If the Government of India refused to contribute, Colonel Badgley's amendment provided for a beginning to be made at once. If the amendment was carried a sum of Rs. 2,500 would be spent in putting up the enclosure wall.

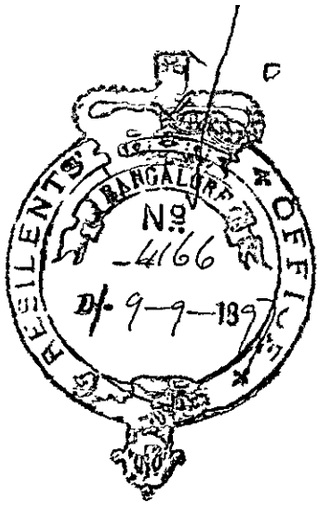
Mr. Dinshaw Billimoria said that he had no objection to his proposition being put as a rider to Colonel Badgley's amendment.

The President said that there was nothing inconsistent with each other.

Colonel Badgley's amendment was then put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. Dinshaw Billimoria's proposition was next put and carried.

No. 2764



CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE

MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

DATED 7th September 1897.

FROM

A. M. SLIGHT, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.

PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

C. & M. STATION, BANGALORE.

To

The First Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return at your convenience the plans and Estimates of the Downing Civil Hospital Extensions forwarded with this office letters nos: 1325 & 1423 and 1452 dated 7th and 14th June 1897 respectively.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt servant.

T. Baker Lassain
for President

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[D R A F T].—For approval.

No. 3824

To The President, Municipal Commission,
C/o The Station of Usumbura

Sir,

dated 14 – 9 – 1897.

As requested in your letter N. 2764
dated the 7th instant, I am directed
to return herewith the plans & estimate
of the Usoring Civil Hospital Extensions
received with your letter No. 1325 and
1452 dated the 7th & 14th June last respecti

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B. 123

I have, etc,

13/9.

First Assistant Resident

AJ.
11-9-97

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18/10 Put in file & note 18/10

My dear Erskine

I have just returned from seeing Colonel Robertson & amongst several matters which we talked over, he has asked me to tell you that he should like to have something tangible to go on in writing up to the Govt. of India the services of the Corps & would of the end I

the buildings required for a common Children's Hospital provided the Govt. grant them sanction to the Municipality - Vide Govt. from Imperial Revenues? Colonel Robertson says by a reference being now made, & in the event of the Govt. agreeing, the Hospital proceeded by the Municipality.

could be extended & the work of construction commenced in anticipation of the Legislative sanction being subsequently forthcoming at the beginning of the next Official Year.

I hope you have gained what the headache & are all right again.

Mrs Sinclair

A B Dobson

Please see paras 18 & 32 of note below -
no reply has yet been received DSL No. 125.

A.J. H.
20-10-97 Reminder was issue. KSE
21-10.

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Cantonments.
Lands.

No. 2796-M-W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

Simla, the 25th September 1897.

To

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL COMMANDING THE FORCES,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. B-A-11589,* dated the 27th July 1897, I am directed to state, for your Excellency's information, that, under the circumstances therein represented, the Government of India sanction the transfer to the Municipality of Bangalore of a plot of military land adjoining the East Hutting Lines in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, which is required by the Municipality in connection with certain improvements to the Bowring Civil Hospital at that station.

* Enclosure returned.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) J. G. DAY, *Major, R.E.*,

for *Secretary to the Government of India.*

Copy, with a copy of that to which it is a reply and enclosure, to—

The Foreign Department, for information.

STAFF OFFICE
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OCT 1897

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 2866 M. D.—29-9-97—29.

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER
BATHERY DISTRICT.
No. 3088 B.
Date 22nd October 1897
WYNGHEDORE.

5039
D/- 23 Oct. 1897

Sub. Assistant to the Resident for Mysore
Bangalore

Forwarded for information with reference to
your letter No. 2784 dated 3rd July 1897.

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2. The D.A.G. Madras Commanding Coast=
=mand, states that the plan, which accom=
=panied your letter quoted above, has not been
returned by the Government of India.

3 A Copy of this Office Copy of the plan is being
prepared and will shortly follow.

F. Fenn.
Major,
Asst. Adjt. Genl., S.D.

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No. 5,500 Copies, 2—2—97

NO. 3089 B.

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICE.

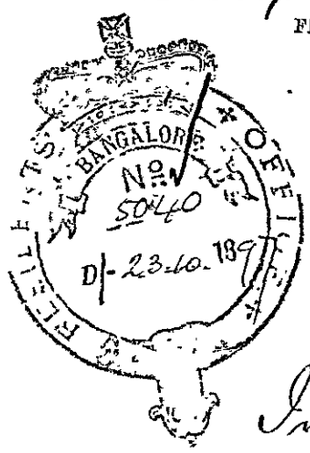
FROM

BANGALORE, 23rd October 1897.

THE DY. ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL,

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

To The First Asstt to the Resident in Mysore Bangalore.



Your No _____ Dated _____ 1897.

In continuation of this Office No. 3088 B of the 22nd Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a Copy of the plan therein alluded to.

Plan returned to the Residency Bangalore vide Letter No. 5176 dated 24-11-97

H. Linn Major,
Asst. Adjt. Genl., B.D.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 135

[DRAFT].—For approval.

No. 4493.

To

Dated 27—10—1897.

The Revd. Mr. Cain

C. of M. Station

Sir,

With reference to Comp.ts ending with this Office letter No. 3824 of the 14. Octo., I am directed to inform you that the Govt. of India in the Mily. Dept. have sanctioned the transfer to the Municipality of the plot of land and referred to in the marginally noted letters adjoining the East Bunding Lines in connection with the improvements in the B. C. Hospital.

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from letter No. 117 of the 9. ap. 95, & this office reply, No. 1584 of the 9th may 95

It = Correct?
S. 891.42

26/10

2. I am to request that you will take over the land in question at an early date from the Military authorities.

Remark. 27-10

26/10

1st Asst. Resl.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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Serial No. 14

[DRAFT].—For approval.

556/99.

No. 1070.

Dated 3 March 1898. To The President, Municipal Commission, C & M Station of Bonnyplum

Sir,

I am directed to write to refer to this office letter No. 4493 dated the 27 October 1897, & to enquire whether the plot of land adjoining the East Hutting Lines has been taken over from the Military authorities in connection with the improvements to the Bowring Civil Hospital.

A.155

I have etc,

[signature]

for Asst Resident

A.L
28-2-98.

H.O.
—1,000—19.10.97.
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No. 6940

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CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 19th March 1898.

FROM

A. M. SLIGHT, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.,
PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
C. & M. STATION, BANGALORE.

To

The FIRST ASSISTANT to the RESIDENT in MYSORE,
B A N G A L O R E.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No: 1070, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that the land in question was taken over from the Military Authorities on the 2nd November 1897.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

T. Baker. Capta
for President.

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29/6/16

Dear Colonel, 30/6 Thurs 30/6

Thanks for your note, I am glad to hear that the Govt of India have sanctioned Rs 20,000 towards the extension of the Bowring Hospital. I will let Lloyd-Reed know that he may be meeting tomorrow at your request.

Yours sincerely
A. Dobson

Copy

(Continuation of Note or Precis).

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Ss 143 – 146 Fernandes
Comm Apple 5-56
No 1729
I. A.

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A. Copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Resident in Mysore for information, with reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from the Govt of India in the Foreign Dept^t No 745 – I A. dated the 17 march/98.

For original vide Sl. 90. file no 294A/93.

By order.

Sd. O. V. Bardamguet.
Offg. Under Secretary
to the Govt of India

Foreign Dept^t.
Simla.
24 June 1898.

From the Govt of India, in the Public Works Department to the Director Genl of Military Works No 110/A.C.W dated the

17 June 1898.

P. 20.

(~~Continuation of Note or Precis~~).

Copy of a letter No 110/A.C.W dated the 17th June/98 from the Govt of India, Public Works Department, to the Director General of Military Works

In forwarding a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to state that the Govt of India have sanctioned a contribution of Rs 20,000/- towards the cost of increasing the accommodation in the Bowring Civil Hospital at Bangalore and to request that this sum may be paid over to the Bangalore Municipality, and charged to the Imperial Civil Works Grant.

2. An addition of Rs 20,000/- is hereby made to the grant for Imperial Civil Works which will now stand at * Rs 6,99,499/-

1. Para 10 of letter from the Resident in Mysore No 364 dated 27 Jan'y/98 to the Govt of India Foreign department.
2. Para 4 of letter from Foreign Deptt to the Resident in Mysore No 745/I.A dd 17 March/98

* Rs
India — 6,98,849
England. 650
6,99,499

Copy.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

File No. 5.

[DRAFT]—For approval.

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Dated 14 July 1898

No. 3428

To

The President Mil Commissn
C/ Station

Sir.

In continuation of previous correspondence regarding the improvements to the Barring Civil Hospital, and with special reference to the detailed report of the proceedings of the Municipal Commissn dated the 20th may last on the subject, I am directed to state that at the request of the Resident, the Govt of India have been pleased to give a contribution of Rs 20,000/ towards the cost of increasing the accommodation in the hospital, and have requested the Director General of Military Works to pay over this sum to the Municipality.

I have &c

Sd. K. D. Erskine
Asst. to the Resident

For original Vide S.G.I. file no 294 A 93.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE. Serial No. 50

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[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 4872

Dated 31—12—1897.

To The President, Municipal Commissioners,
Cantonment of Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to ask you to be so good as to retransmit to this office the plans & estimates in connection with certain improvements to the Bowring Civil Hospital, returned with Capt: Erskine's letter No. 3824 of the 14th Sept. 1897.

I have, etc,
(sd) [illegible]
First Assistant Resident

M.P.
30-10-'97

Fee 149 cancelled the
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[illegible]

No. 5501.
Encls: 28

H. O.
6 1,000—21-4-99.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

FROM

L. T. HARRIS, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

DATED 2nd November 1899.

To

The First Assistant to the Resident
in Mysore
& Bangalore

SIR,

In compliance with your
letter no 4872/141.93 dated 31st ultimo,
have the honor to forward here-
-with the plans and estimates
relating to the improvements
the B. & M. Hospital as detailed
in the accompanying list.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt servt

T. Baker. Capt
for President, Municipal Commission,
Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

List of Plans and Estimates referred to in letter no 5501 dated 7.11.99 from President Mlmd. Commission, Celebration, Bangalore.

Plans.

Maternity ——— no 1
Hospital cook rooms —" 2
Destitute patients ward —" 1
Laundry + Post mortem rooms —" 2
New women + Children's Hospital maternity —"
Compound wall +c ——"
Paying patients ward —"
Caste wards ———"
Sisters Quarters + Kitchen —" 2

Estimates

1. Hospital for Infectious diseases.
2. General maternity
3. Constructing caste ward.
4. Medical + Surgical ward.
5. Sisters Quarters.
6. Hospital cook rooms +c
7. Destitute Patients ward.
8. Laundry + Post mortem Rooms
9. Constructing mortuary
10. Compound wall.
11. Paying Patients.

Bangalore
7.11.99.

J. Baker. Captain
for President.

H. O.
G 1,000—12-3.99. 15 L

No. 5633
4 Encls

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
DATED 11. Nov 1899.

FROM

L. T. HARRIS, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

To

The First Assistant
to the President in Council.

SIR,

D153 In continuation of this Office Letter No. 5501 of 7th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith the plan (a) and estimates (b) of the Female Non-cases Block of the Hospital now under construction.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. Bates, Captain
for President

Abstract of Proceedings of an Ordinary meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore held on the 26th January 1899.

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6. Resolution No: 12 of the Commission dated 1st September 1898 that the grant of Rs 20,000 by the Government of India be devoted to building a single ward to non-caste patients and that the necessary additions to the plan be settled by the President/Vice President and the Residency Surgeon

Estimate amounting to Rs 20,000 Submitted by the Vice President with reference to the above.

Proposed by the President, Seconded by Mr Venkataswami, that the plan and estimate be accepted and that the fee charged by Mr O'Shaughnessy for the preparation of the plan and estimate be reduced to 2½ %

Resolution— Carried

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No: 9558 Encl

Forwarded to the Municipal Executive Engineer, together with plan estimates and the Specification prepared by Mr O'Shaughnessy for the new wards of the non-caste patients at the Bowring Civil Hospital.

The Engineer is requested to Call for tenders at once.

Asst. Captain
for President.

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